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China's ICO Ban Puts GigaWatt In Unique Territory

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China has long been a dominant player on the global Bitcoin map. By 2016 **over 90% of Bitcoin's global trading volume** took place there. Moreover, mining operations were in abundance due to China's cheap electricity. It is no coincidence that Bitmain, the world's largest Bitcoin mining equipment manufacturer, is a Chinese company.

While China still dominates crypto mining and mining equipment manufacturing, the country's Bitcoin trading volume has fallen. When regulations led to bans on no-fee trading and restrictions on Chinese Bitcoin exchanges in early 2017, Bitcoin trading volumes in China plummeted. Bitcoin trading activity diverted to countries like Japan.

At the beginning of September, China issued a ban on Initial Coin Offerings (ICOs), an unregulated cryptocurrency-based crowdfunding practice that attract capital for new startup companies and projects. This regulatory act sent shock waves through the global Bitcoin community.

As part of the ban, authorities requested that ICO participants be refunded for their contributions. Moreover, the People's Bank of China and China's central bank demanded that Bitcoin exchanges be closed.

Mining Resilience

As an emerging presence in the global crypto-mining industry, U.S.-based mining solution provider, **Giga Watt**, stands in unique territory given theses recent developments. Located in America's Pacific Northwest—in close proximity to a number of power-producing hydroelectric dams—the Giga Watt Project is proving to be North America's new major crypto mining player.

The Giga Watt Project's founder and CEO, Dave Carlson, has little concern over China's ICO ban: "I don't see the ban having a large impact on Bitcoin. I'm not convinced that ICOs are inherently linked to the ecosystem."

While Carlson believes that Chinese authorities still see value in the rapid growth of cryptocurrency, he thinks that this value has been trumped by their will for regulatory control. However, China's regulatory developments haven't affected the the Giga Watt Project's strategic direction. "Because

there are many other blockchain processing opportunities outside of Bitcoin, it's not even a blip on our radar," noted Carlson. He added, "Personally, I predict that ICOs will return to China, but only on their terms."

In the meantime, Carlson will continue to lead the Giga Watt Project's aim of building a mining network unlike anything before it. Currently, the project has three operating units, with 2.25 megawatts ready for tokenization. In addition, three of **Giga Watt's state-of-the-art Giga Pods** are now complete. Access to Giga Watt services will be allocated to token holders on a first come, first served basis.

Blockchain-based Computing

A key takeaway in Carlson's response to China's ICO ban is what he envisions for the future. Bitcoin mining will likely pale in comparison to new forms of blockchain-based computing methods, and Carlson sees this as one way the industry will mature and stabilize. "As Bitcoin's value rises, the ability for miners to drive difficulty by adding hashpower becomes harder and harder as much more computing is required." In this matured industry, Carlson anticipates that Bitcoin's blockchain will be leveraged, pointing to **RSK's smart contract** as an example. "I am hopeful that blockchain-based computing will boost revenue and provide new opportunities."

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